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Sir:

Due to an inadvertent mistake, the Transmittal Letter submitted on February 14, 2002 for entering the National Stage for the PCT application identified above, copy enclosed, identified the International Application as PCT/DE00/06109 instead of **PCT/EP00/06109**. In fact, there is no PCT application No. PCT/DE00/06109 that meets the description given in the Transmittal Letter. The only International Application that meets the description is International Application **PCT/EP/00/06109**. Submitted with the Transmittal Letter were a number of documents including a copy of the published application WO 01/12159 A2, all of which related to **PCT/EP00/06109**, so the applicants' intent is clear that the filing was a National Stage filing of **PCT/EP00/06109**. A copy of the first page of WO 01/12159 A2 is enclosed.

Applicants' are at a loss to explain this inadvertent mistake, and hereby respectfully petition the Commissioner of Patents to exercise his authority under 37 C.F.R. 182 and accept the documents filed on February 14, 2002 as a National Stage filing of International Application **PCT/EP00/06109**, and grant such other and further relief as may be deemed necessary. The Commissioner is authorized by the undersigned to charge the petition fee of \$130.00, and such other fees as may be required or due to the account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 500601.

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TITLE OF INVENTION ARTIFICIAL TEAR REPLACEMENT SOLUTION				
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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:				
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(54) Title: ARTIFICIAL TEAR REPLACEMENT SOLUTION

(54) Bezeichnung: TRÄNENERSATZMITTEL

(57) Abstract: The invention relates to an artificial tear replacement solution for external eye treatment. Existing artificial tear replacement solutions have the disadvantage of exhibiting a short residence time in the cornea. The invention aims at providing an artificial tear replacement solution that is compatible over a long period, enables even moistening of the cornea and has a long residence time on the surface of the eye. This is achieved in that said solution contains at least one water-soluble fluorosurfactant, water and a non-polar component.

(57) Zusammenfassung: Die Erfindung betrifft ein Tränenersatzmittel zur äußeren Behandlung des Auges. Bekannte Tränenersatzmittel weisen den Nachteil auf, daß sie eine relativ kurze Verweilzeit auf der Hornhaut haben. Die Aufgabe, ein langzeitverträgliches Tränenersatzmittel zur Verfügung zu stellen, welches eine gleichmäßige Benetzung der Hornhaut ermöglicht und eine lange Verweildauer auf der Augenoberfläche aufweist, wird dadurch gelöst, daß es mindestens ein wasserlösliches Fluortensid, Wasser und eine unpolare Komponente enthält.

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